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1. Czechoslovakia planned to import 105,000 tn. of raw phosphates for the year 1953, which was about the same quantity as for the previous years. Of this total, it was planned to import about

25,000 tn. from the USSR. Czechoslovakia had been importing 60,000 tn. of Soviet Kola phosphate yearly, but all efforts made by Czechoslovakia to obtain more than this quantity were unsuccessful, and the USSR lowered its exports of Kola phosphate to Czechoslovakia for 1953 to some 25,000 tn., because they preferred to export Kola phosphates to the Western countries

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2. The Kola phosphate was exported after flotation processing, most probably because it was of too poor a quality in its raw state. This Kola phosphate, also called apatite concentrate, contained more than 80% of tricalcium phosphate ( $\text{Ca}_3\text{P}_2\text{O}_8$ )

Generally, the Kola phosphate could not be processed in the Czechoslovak chemical works by itself, as it was too fine

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(However, the Jiri Dimitrov Works, National Enterprise, at Bratislava, and (with limited success) the Chemical Works at Usti nad Labem were able to process the Kola phosphate by itself.

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[REDACTED] Many meetings were held by the Ministry of Chemical Industry, which wanted to cover all Czechoslovak needs of raw phosphates by imports from the USSR and therefore wanted the chemical factories to use the Kola phosphate without combining it with any other phosphate. 25X1

3. The Czechoslovak chemical industry used raw phosphates mainly for production of fertilizers but also for the production of mono-dinatrium phosphate. The Czechoslovak chemical industry could not process raw phosphates at full capacity, because of the shortage of sulphuric acid.

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